

REMARKS

Claims 9, 18 and 19 are in the application. By this amendment, Claims 9, 18 and 19 are amended and Claims 1-8, 10-17 and 20-26 are cancelled.

In the decision rendered January 30, 2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences noted that Claims 17-20 in this case stand objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As a result, the limitations of Claim 17 are now included in Claim 9, and Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to be consistent with the amendment of Claim 9 and the cancellation of Claim 17. As result, each of the claims remaining in this case, i.e., Claims 9, 18 and 19, are now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Concluding Remarks

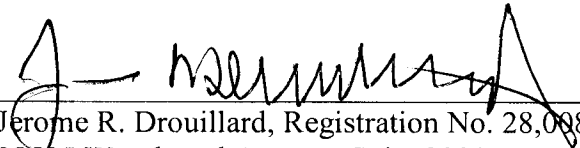
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or refund any excess to Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC


Jerome R. Drouillard, Registration No. 28,008
38525 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2000
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
734-623-1698


Date: 2/22/08

Certificate of Mailing/Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited via electronic submission on the USPTO website.

Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

on 02-26-08


Kelly Makin